

A TEMPTING SCHEME

Which Caught Many of England's Shrewd Business Men.

A SMASH-UP OF THE SLAVE TRADE

Offered as a Bait to Get Investments in an African Scheme—An Imperial Subsidy Now Wanted—Some Peculiar Voting on the Bill—The Government Stands Committed to a Policy Which Means Big Acquisitions.

LONDON, March 6.—The British East Africa Company was formed about six years ago by William Mackinnon, George Mackenzie and some other hard-headed Scotchmen of business who believed they could establish in Africa an empire as great as that which the famous East India Company carved out of Hindoostan, and as profitable to the founders. Other men of business soon joined, among them W. Burdett Coutts, M. P., the young man who married the old baroness; Edward Daws, a big ship owner in Indian and African trades; Sir John Puleston, M. P., an exceptionally shrewd Welshman, and J. F. Hutcheon, a great Manchester merchant.

Then it was trumpeted forth to the world that the company intended to smash up the slave trade, and that it had tempted several philanthropists to put money into the business. Sir Thomas Edw. Buxton, for instance, took £10,000 worth of stock and Lord Kinnaird £5,000 worth.

HOW THE STOCK WAS TAKEN. Finally a list of 39 "founders" was made, and they subscribed between them about half of the capital, which at present amounts to £250,000, in shares of £20, with £12 paid up. The other half was subscribed by 550 of the general public in whose behalf no claim to disinterested philanthropy has ever been put forward.

The Mackinnon family, it should be stated, hold between them £50,000 worth of "founders" shares, which, if the company should succeed as a commercial speculation, would be worth millions, and among the other leading and influential stockholders are the Marquis of Lorne, the queen's son-in-law, Lord Brassey, Sir Charles Tennant, General Sir Donald Stewart, Major General Sir Francis Denslow and Sir John Kirk, formerly British consul general at Zanzibar.

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The company from the first enjoyed government favor, thanks to which it obtained a royal charter and negotiated a treaty with the sultan of Zanzibar, who, in consideration of an annual subsidy of £80,000, surrendered his sovereign rights on the mainland.

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Money was next spent in harbor works and piers at the coast stations, after which the company persuaded some philanthropists to subscribe money for a steamer to trade on Lake Victoria, of course on the ostensible ground that it was necessary in order to fight the slave traders. But some time previously Mackinnon, who has since been made a baronet, conceived the master scheme of sending Stanley to "rescue" Emin Pasha.

It is not now denied by any responsible or disinterested person that Stanley's expedition was a commercial speculation in the interest of the British East African Company. Emin's ivory was to have paid expenses and yielded a large profit in addition, and Emin's province was to have been handed over to the company. Stanley has admitted that he carried to Emin a tempting offer to enter the company's service. The expedition turned out a failure, commercially and in other respects, but it gave Mackinnon a reputation for philanthropy and the baronetcy before mentioned, and he is now trading upon both.

AN IMPORTANT SUBSIDY DEMAND.

They demanded an imperial subsidy for the railway on pain of withdrawing from Uganda, in which savage country by the way, the agent, Captain Lugard, has for two years past been building and killing the natives for the joy of God and the "protection of the missionaries."

A DISPATCH FROM DALLAS, TEXAS.

The government promised the subsidy should the construction of the railway be shown to be practicable, and last session a bill was introduced to vote money for a preliminary survey. The demand was withdrawn in face of the vehement opposition of the liberals, but on Thursday the government formally asked the house of commons to vote £40,000, and the ministers intimated that they meant to stand or fall by the proposal. The liberals, headed by Mr. Gladstone, endeavored to compel the government to give further information, and the debate, which occupied two sitting of the house, was the liveliest that has taken place this session.

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ADVANCING PENSION CASES.

Secretary Noble Addresses a Significant Letter to the Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Secretary Noble yesterday sent the following letter to Commissioner Baum, in which he criticizes the action of the latter in giving precedence to pensions called up by members of Congress:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, }
WASHINGTON, March 5, 1892. }
Commissioner of Pensions:

Sir—Referring to your letter of the 1st instant, acknowledging department letter of the 25th ultimo, calling attention to the fact that complaints were coming in of partiality in the examination and final disposition of claims, you say:

In drawing cases from the files for examination in each class of cases, the rule is to draw those which have been completed. The rule, however, is constantly broken into through the courtesy which is extended by the office to members of Congress who call for the status of cases, and this has become a matter of such serious concern as to require an immediate remedy.

From December 7, 1892, to the 25th inst., inclusive, 70,181 calls have been made by members of Congress for the status of pension claims. These calls were made without reference to the time of the filing of the claims, and so it constantly happens that claims recently filed are called up upon Congressional slips, taken from the files and placed upon the examiner's desk, where they are found to be complete, and are immediately allowed, thus giving them precedence over claims filed at an earlier date which have not been allowed in their order.

I have made a careful examination into this subject and find that claims under the act of June 27, 1890, filed as late as October 19, 1891, have been called up in this manner, and having been found complete, have been allowed, which obviously works a great injustice to claimants whose applications were filed at an earlier date, and whose claims are now complete and ready to be allowed when taken up in their turn.

This action obviously works great injustice to earlier filed claims, which are thus passed over and deferred, and was the very danger feared at the time the "completed files" system was adopted, and against which my order of the 25th of September, 1890, was aimed. The order was as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, }
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 26, 1890. }

It is hereby ordered that, under the rules already in force, and those this day approved for the purpose of securing prompt adjudication of claims under former acts of Congress, and that of June 27, 1890, such action shall be taken by all officers and employees in the pension bureau as will prevent any undue preference of any claim in time of either hearing or adjustment; and any agent or attorney who shall have or attempt to have any claim put upon the list or docket of or among the completed files that is obviously or clearly not complete, or otherwise defeats the just operations of the laws and regulations, shall be discharged from practice in the department.

JOHN W. NOLAN, Secretary.

The evil which you point out does not arise from allowing examination of the status of cases, but in permitting the examiner to approve completed cases out of their order was thus called up. You say the action is taken to save a second handling of the papers. The reason given is utterly insufficient to justify the wrong done the claimant who is being relegated to the rear by this process, and I can but feel that the evil has been allowed without justification. The information as to the state of the case can be given by such force as can be reasonably spared for this work. But the case must even if completed be returned to its former place in line of those in like condition.

It is not a case of favor to any, but of justice to all and of obedience to a plain order made and known to have been made against just such action. I am gratified at the favorable statement of the business of your bureau, and hope you may find that the enforcement of this direction will add to the efficiency and the justice of its administration.

Very respectfully,
JOHN W. NOLAN, Secretary.

RUMORS ABOUT GOULD.

Stories of his Sudden Death Are Chastened Now and Don't Work.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 6.—Some excitement was created here by dispatches pouring in from New York and other points saying that rumors prevailed that Mr. Gould had dropped dead in his private car while en route to New Orleans. Inquiry showed the falsity of this report.

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AFTER FIVE YEARS.

A Divorced Couple in Commercially Indebted, Are Reunited.

COSMOPOLITAN, N.Y., March 6.—Dan R. Milliken, a traveling salesman for a Cincinnati buggy company, and well known in that city and Hamilton, was married yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock to his former wife, Belle Morrison Milliken, from whom he has been divorced for the last five years. Mr. and Mrs. Milliken have resided in this city for some years, and the marriage took place at Mr. Milliken's residence, on the corner of Fifth street and Western avenue. Both parties are prominent in society here.

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CLOSING THE GATES.

A Protest Against the Decision as to Sunday Services at Mountsville.

The recent agreement between the M. E. ministers and the Board of Directors of the Wheeling District Camp-Meeting Association, by which it was decided to close the campground gates on Sunday if excursion trains are run, does not meet with unanimous approval. Says the *Clarington Independent*:

This looks as if the meeting was intended only for the rich, or those who can get there on a week-day, and to shut out all from a distance who could only attend Sunday services. We can not see why they are opposed to these Sunday excursions, except from a money-making standpoint, and the fact that they do not neglect to state that the usual gate fees will be charged would show they are not opposed to making a few dollars on the Sabbath day themselves. Also from the fact that those living at a distance are willing to pay their railroad or boat fare, and the gate fee, goes to show that they are interested in meetings and should not be debarred from them. It even looks as if they were opposed to these same people from a distance being carried at a reduced rate, which would enable many of the poorer classes to attend. We wonder if they will also try to prohibit the hacks and other public conveyances, which charge exorbitant fares, from running on the Sabbath day. We hope the board will either reconsider its decision, or close the grounds and tabernacle altogether on Sunday and hold no public services at all. This seems to us the only fair and just course to pursue.

WELL KNOWN MAN DEAD.

James S. Standiford, of New Martinsville, Dies of Consumption.

James S. Standiford, of New Martinsville, the well known senior member of the firm of Standiford Bros, died Sunday morning at 3 o'clock.

The subject of this sketch was born in Belmont county, Ohio, October 9, 1848. When a boy his parents moved to Marshall county, this state, where he lived until 1874, when the family moved to Wetzel county, three miles from New Martinsville. He leaves behind him eight brothers and sisters. His father and mother died years ago.

Mr. Standiford died from consumption, which has been slowly wearing on him for the past two years. He was confined to his rooms at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kountz, for the past five months. He was one of Wetzel county's most public spirited and active citizens, always taking an active part in the progress and well being of the town and community, and was a member of our town council at the time of his death.

Mr. Standiford was a liberal contributor to every charitable object. Although not a member of any church no one in this community was more liberal or gave more cheerfully than he to the contributions to the support of the gospel. The deceased had a wide circle of acquaintances and innumerable friends. The funeral services will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kountz Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Y. M. C. A. GYMNASIUM.

An Interesting Entertainment Promised Friday Night.

The gymnastic classes of the Y. M. C. C. will give a public entertainment in the association hall Friday evening, the 11th. A novel, interesting and instructive entertainment is promised. The admission will be twenty-five cents. Seats can be reserved at the building on Tuesday, the 8th, without extra charge. Mayer's orchestra will furnish music, and the exercises will be interspersed with choice vocal selections. The programme will embrace some features never before presented in these exhibitions, as will be seen below:

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